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April 8, 2021

The Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Subject: Support for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's Community Project Funding Request

Dear Congressman Calvert:

On behalf of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), I am pleased to request Community Project Funding of \$3 million for the Smart Freeway Pilot Project. Planned on northbound Interstate 15 from the San Diego/Riverside County Line to the 15/215 Interchange in Murrieta, this \$18 million pilot project is regionally significant, socially equitable, and will have a positive impact on the health and safety of the region's residents, businesses, and freight and goods movement.

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RCTC's innovative and forward-thinking Smart Freeway Pilot Project merits Community Project Funding because of the immediate positive impact it will have on our region's residents, the economy, and the environment. I encourage you to give it full and fair consideration.

Please contact Executive Director Anne Mayer at (951) 787-7141 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jan Harnik". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jan Harnik
Chair



City of Temecula

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April 7, 2021

The Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

**Subject: Support for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's
Community Project Funding Request**

Dear Congressman Calvert:

I am writing to express the City of Temecula's support for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) \$3 million Community Project Funding request for the Smart Freeway Pilot Project ("Project").

While the City of Temecula whole heartedly supports RCTC's request for funding, the implementation of this project must be carefully coordinated with the City of Temecula's I-15/French Valley Parkway Interchange - Phase 2 (FVP Project). Thanks to your efforts Congressman Calvert, the \$50M INFRA grant fully funded Phase 2 of the FVP Project and we cannot risk any delays that may jeopardize project delivery and the INFRA funds.

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For questions regarding this letter of support, please contact City Manager Aaron Adams at 951-506-5100.

Sincerely,



Maryann Edwards
Mayor



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April 6, 2021

Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's Smart Freeway Pilot Community Project Funding Request

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Dear Congressman Calvert:

On behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), I am pleased to support the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) \$3 million Community Project Funding request for the Smart Freeway Pilot Project. Planned on northbound Interstate (I) 15 from the San Diego/Riverside County Line to the 15/215 Interchange in Murrieta, this \$18 million pilot project is regionally significant and socially equitable. It will positively impact the health and safety of the region's residents, businesses, and freight and goods movement.

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As a project that is consistent with the policies and goals set forth in Connect SoCal - the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), SCAG supports RCTC's efforts and respectfully requests your office to give full consideration to their community project funding request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Naresh Amatya, Manager of Transportation Planning and Programming, at (213) 236-1885 or by email at amatya@scag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Kome Ajise

Executive Director



Greater Corona Traffic Alliance
Corona, California
info@trafficalliance.org

April 5, 2021

The Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Subject: Support for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's Community Project Funding Request

Dear Congressman Calvert:

The Greater Corona Traffic Alliance (GCTA) is a grass-roots citizen advocacy group representing about five thousand registered residents and many more who geographically live in multiple cities located in Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange Counties, along the SR-91, SR-71 and I-15 corridors. GCTA advocates for solutions to ease severe congestion on these critical transportation and economic links between inland California and the coastal region.

I am writing to express GCTA's strong support for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) \$3 million Community Project Funding request for the Smart Freeway Pilot Project. Planned on northbound Interstate (I) 15 from the San Diego/Riverside County Line to the 15/215 Interchange in Murrieta, this \$18 million pilot project is regionally significant, socially equitable, and will have a positive impact on the health and safety of the region's residents, businesses, and freight and goods movement.

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For questions regarding this letter of support, please contact me at nibrahim@niassoc.com.

Sincerely,



Ned Ibrahim, M.S.C.E., P.E.
For **Greater Corona Traffic Alliance**

California Department of Transportation

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April 7, 2021

Dear California Congressional Member:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is pleased to support the request from the Riverside County Transportation Commission for Congressional Community Project Funding for the Smart Freeway Pilot Project.

President Biden's announcement of a major infrastructure initiative – a \$2 trillion, eight-year “American Jobs Plan,” and the surface transportation reauthorization legislation, presents opportunities for Congress to make critical investments in infrastructure that will address decades of inequities and the rising challenge of climate change, while also spurring economic growth. This will lead the way to developing a brighter future for all.

Caltrans assessed letter of support requests from local agencies based on guiding principles supporting state priorities in collaboration with the California State Transportation Agency. Therefore, I am confident the approval of this request will help to support a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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TOKS OMISHAKIN
Director

c: Riverside County Transportation Commission



Western Riverside Council of Governments

County of Riverside • City of Banning • City of Beaumont • City of Calimesa • City of Canyon Lake • City of Corona • City of Eastvale • City of Hemet City of Jurupa Valley • City of Lake Elsinore • City of Menifee • City of Moreno Valley • City of Murrieta • City of Norco • City of Perris • City of Riverside • City of San Jacinto • City of Temecula • City of Wildomar • Eastern Municipal Water District • Western Municipal Water District • Riverside County Superintendent of Schools

April 5, 2021

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Washington, DC 20510

Subject: Support for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's Community Project Funding Request

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Sincerely,

Christopher Gray

Christopher Gray
Deputy Executive Director
Western Riverside Council of Governments



GREATER RIVERSIDE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

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April 7, 2021

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United States House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Riverside County Transportation Commission's Community Project Funding Request – SUPPORT

Dear Congressman Calvert,

On behalf of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, representing over 1,200 local employers and 110,000 jobs in the Inland Southern California region, I am writing to express our strong SUPPORT for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) \$3 million Community Project Funding request for the Smart Freeway Pilot Project. Planned on northbound Interstate (I) 15 from the San Diego/Riverside County Line to the 15/215 Interchange in Murrieta, this \$18 million pilot project is regionally significant, socially equitable, and will have a positive impact on the health and safety of the region's residents, businesses, and freight and goods movement.

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Thank you for consideration of this important request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 951-683-7100.

Respectfully,

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Cindy Roth
President/CEO

CR/as



Riverside Transit Agency

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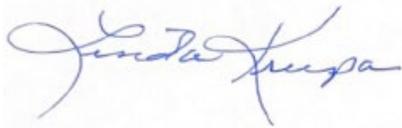
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Sincerely,

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Linda Krupa
Chair of the Board
Riverside Transit Agency